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SecDef Says FY67 Budget Supplement Will Be Required

It is becoming increasingly clear, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara said before departing for South Vietnam Oct. 8, that a supplement to the Fiscal 1967 Defense Budget will be required.

Concerning the visit, Secretary McNamara said, "One of our major objectives will be to determine the requirements for men and equipment for the forthcoming months to insure that we have those clearly in mind when we develop the budgets for the future periods and when we consider the need for a supplement to the current Defense Budget."

He noted that the policy being followed in supporting U.S. forces in Vietnam "is today what it was in July of 1965 when President Johnson said we will supply whatever the commanders require."

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Earle G. Wheeler accompanied the secretary along with other government officials.

In reply to questions regarding tours in South Vietnam, both Secretary McNamara and General Wheeler noted that an increasingly large number of men are volunteering to extend their tours of duty and to return for a second tour.

"I think this indicates the importance that the young men attach to this particular combat situation that we're in," General Wheeler added.

President Nominates Gen. Hardy As So. Europe Allied AF Commander

The President has sent to the Senate the nomination of Third Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. John S. Hardy for appointment to lieutenant general and assignment as Commander, Allied Air Forces Southern Europe on Nov. 1.

Gen. Hardy succeeds Lt. Gen. Benjamin J. Webster who will be placed on the retired list Oct. 31.

New Third Air Force Commander will be Maj. Gen. Clyde Box, presently Sixth Allied Tactical Air Force Commander.

Gen. Box's successor is Maj. Gen. James B. Tipton, currently Commander of the Fourteenth Air Force and the Southern NORAD Region.

BIEN HOA CONFAB—Brig. Gen. Frank K. "Speedy Pete" Everest Jr., (right), Director of Aerospace Safety, Norton AFB, Calif., talks with Col. Robert A. Ackerly (left), commander, 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, and Maj. Swart H. Nelson. The famed test pilot visited the 3rd and flew on a combat mission in F-100F Supersabre. Major Nelson served under General Everest as test pilot at Edwards AFB, Calif., from 1955 to 1957.

President Cites Importance Of Oct. Manila Conference

President Johnson at his Oct. 6 press conference said the conference in Manila, Oct. 24-25, "will bring together the countries that are most directly helping the South Vietnamese to resist aggression and to build their nation."

The Philippines, Korea, and Thailand extended the invitation which has been accepted by South Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States.

President Johnson noted that President Marcos of the Philippines has already indicated the scope of the conference, and we expect:

- To review the military progress being made in the field;
- To hear the South Vietnamese plans for further evolution toward representative government, accelerated security of the countryside; and a strengthened economy while curbing inflation;
- To examine how the other nations present can best support those efforts; and
- To explore the prospects for peaceful settlement of the Vietnam conflict, in the light of all proposals.

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MOSCOW TO NEW YORK commercial air service might be less than one year away. State Department news release said, "It is contemplated that air service between Moscow and New York might begin as soon as late spring of 1967." This announcement followed agreement between Soviet Union and United States that technical talks between designated carriers should be resumed. A Civil Air Transport Agreement between the two countries was initialed in 1951.

SERIES OF EXPERIMENTS for upper atmosphere meteorological research were completed with Nike-Cajun sounding rocket launches from Natal, Brazil and Wallops Island, Va. These last launches studied variations through the day in winds, temperatures, densities and pressures at 20-60 miles above the earth in equatorial and middle latitudes. Project was carried out under Brazilian Space Commission and NASA agreement with results made available to world scientific community.

A SYSTEM used by the Seabees is also being employed by the Navy to relieve a shortage of data system and machine accountant technicians. The program calls for direct procurement of these technicians in petty officer grades from qualified civilian applicants. A quota of 200 accountants in pay grades E-6 and E-7 and 150 data system technicians in pay grade E-6 has been assigned. Two, three or four-year enlistments are available.

UNDERSEAS RADIO BEACONS being tested by Navy can transmit signals from bottom of the sea or from aboard ship. Called "transponders" when submerged and "transducers" when shipboard, the radio devices are used in threes or sixes to enable survey ships to steam a straight line to chart accurately the ocean bottom.

ABOUT 2,000 STUDENTS are attending some 247 colleges and universities on Army scholarships under ROTC Vitalization Act of 1964. Additional scholarships are authorized yearly until 5,500 maximum are in effect by school year 1970-71. Students' tuition, text books and lab fees are paid and they receive $50 monthly subsistence allowance. During six week summer camp they are paid $151.95 monthly rate.

DEFENSE INDUSTRY ADVISORY Council held its 14th meeting at Pentagon Oct. 14-15 under chairmanship of Deputy Defense Secretary Cyrus R. Vance. Council was established in 1962 as an important forum for discussions between DOD officials and leaders from private sector of American economy.

REVIEW OF CONTRACTOR'S performance of Eastern Test Range, Fla., shows $4-million cost savings in FY66 with about $1-million of the total being returned to the Contractor, Pan American World Airways, as an incentive fee for improved performance and achieving the cost savings. After payment of the incentive, Air Force will have a net return of $3-million from the $124.3-million FY66 contract.

HELICOPTER INSTRUMENT RATING will be needed by all helicopter pilots to fly under instrument flight rules (IFR), Federal Aviation Agency announced in amending Part 61 of FAA regulations. Change, which becomes effective Oct. 17, does not alter present visual flight rules (VFR). Actually, main effect is upon a few private helicopter pilots, as large helicopters are operated by military and airline pilots who are approved for IFR flight, FAA noted.

OPERATION ECLIPSE UNDERWAY with the sailing of the Coast and Geodetic ship Oceanographer for South American waters to make scientific observations of the Nov. 12 total eclipse of the sun. The vessel will remain off the continental margins of Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina until mid-December, cooperating with Latin American scientists in various experiments.

AIR FORCE Lt. Col. Lucille B. Dion has been named new executive secretary for the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) succeeding Navy CDR Beatrice M. Truitt who will report to the President, Naval War College, Newport, R.I. Assignment as DACOWITS executive secretary is rotated among the four line services every three years.

ARMY STUDENTS graduating from the Air Force's basic air traffic controller course at Keesler AFB, Miss., have doubled in the past year. About half of the 2,500 controllers graduating annually are Army—the others being Air Force, Air National Guard and Military Assistance Program students. On completion of the course students meet requirements for certification as Federal Aviation Agency controllers.

COMMANDERS OF UNITED STATES Navy's Fleet Training Commands held a joint conference in San Diego last week. The three-day conference was held at the Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare School. RAdm. David Lambert, Commander of the Pacific Fleet Training Command in San Diego was host for the conference. More than 125 Naval officers from both fleets attended the affair. Purpose was to exchange information between Atlantic and Pacific training commands.

PROJECT MAGNET SCIENTISTS have moved from the Washington Navy Yard to the Naval Research Laboratory facility near Chesapeake Beach, Md., the U.S. Naval Oceanographic office said in announcing the move of its Magnetics Division. Project Magnet involves a geomagnetic survey of all accessible ocean areas for navigational and isomagnetic charts.

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AUSA Keynote Speaker Lists Army Accomplishments, Goals

Army's immediate goals include achieving objectives in Vietnam and restoring by December those troops temporarily withdrawn from Europe and the replacement of those taken from the CONUS strategic reserve.

This was disclosed by Army Undersecretary David E. McGiffert in his keynote address at AUSA's national convention in Washington, D. C. He pointed to success of the current buildup and cited figures concerning troop deployments, expanded training and increased production.

The undersecretary said the Army is fighting a tough war in Vietnam, and giving a superb account of itself. We have gained the initiative there, he said, and there is no question about our ability to stay there.

He spoke of deploying nearly 200,000 men without a reserve call-up, designation of a Selected Reserve Force of three divisions and six separate brigades, and a nearly-doubled basic training capacity with a training cadre of nearly 44,000.

OCS Output Up

Officer Candidate School output is showing a five-fold increase over last year, he said, and Army has reactivated 11 ammunition plants while doubling Huey helicopter production and tripling Chinook production.

Mr. McGiffert listed three immediate and six long range goals for the Army. First, he said, we must continue to provide active Army forces capable of achieving Vietnam objectives and assuring that these forces are adequately supported.

Second, he said, we must continue to maintain active forces capable of meeting various contingencies that may arise, and third, we must maintain a high state of readiness in our Reserve components.

Six Long Range Goals

The long range goals were expressed as (1) improved weapons, equipment, techniques and doctrine for conventional and nuclear warfare; (2) adequate personnel logistics base to support any future expansion; (3) improve field and CONUS air defense; (4) increasing fallout shelter spaces inventory; (5) improved management of resources, men, money and material; and (6) maintaining quality of the individual soldier.

Army's greatest asset, regardless of how sophisticated our equipment and doctrine may be, he said, remains our people. Without the determination, skill and sacrifice of all these men and women, no amount of money or high-level planning could have accomplished what the Army has accomplished, he said.

TOPS IN ATLANTIC—Admiral Arleigh Burke trophy, awarded for most improvement in battle readiness of any Atlantic Fleet ship, is received by LCdr. Robert P. Lenahan, commanding officer of tank landing ship USS York County. VAdm. Charles K. Duncan, Commander Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, presents trophy during ceremonies at Little Creek, Va., Naval Amphibious Base.

President Proclaims Oct. 19 National Day of Prayer

President Johnson has proclaimed Oct. 19 as "National Day of Prayer, 1966."

The proclamation contains a statement made by Abraham Lincoln in 1865: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

President Johnson said, "Now, once again, we are engaged in a struggle that demands our courage, that tests our will, that asks us to persevere through a time of hostile uncertainty.

"We pray for an end to that struggle, for a time of healing, in which we and all other nations may turn our hands to the work of building and planting, of teaching and caring.

"We pray for God's guidance through the storm of conflict, for His wisdom in the search for peace, for His mercy and forgiveness toward all men, friend and foe."

In setting aside Wednesday, Oct. 19 as a National Day of Prayer, President Johnson said, "On that day, each according to his own custom and his own faith, let us (1) Recognize our dependence upon Almighty God; (2) Express thanksgiving for the blessings He has bestowed upon us; (3) Examine our hearts in the light of His word; end the brutal divisions between His children."

Navy Civil Engineers Get Emergency Promotions

The Navy is using an emergency provision of current law (10 USC, Section 5787) to promote Civil Engineer Corps officers to a higher grade to meet needs of the service.

"This problem of shortages in the ranks of commander and below has been aggravated by the recent growth in requirements resulting from the Southeast Asian buildup," Navy officials said.

Since the increased demands cannot be met through normal provisions of the law, officials said, the emergency provision will permit Navy Civil Engineer Corps officers to be considered for temporary promotion approximately a year and a half early.

Deadline Near For WWII GI Loans

Less than a year remains for WWII veterans to take advantage of GI guaranteed or insured loans. Next July 25 is deadline for WWII veterans eligibility.

The loan eligibility for WWII vets is determined by a formula which adds 10 years to the date of their last discharge plus one year for each 90 days of service.

Deadline for Korean War veterans is Jan. 31, 1975.

Water Purification Unit Developed by Army R&D

A water purification unit capable of handling 420-gallons-per-hour and weighing less than 1,000 pounds has been developed by Army's Engineer Research and Development Laboratories (ERDL), Ft. Belvoir, Va.

The "baby ERDLator" was designed and built in-house. Its lightweight and packaged dimensions, 6'x4'x4', make it transportable by helicopter or any one of several Army vehicles.

Detailed drawings and performance data are expected to be available by November.

WELL DONE—1st Lt. Jerry J. Farro, USMC, receives congratulations from Lt. Gen. Lewis W. Walt, commanding general, III Marine Amphibious Force, upon presentation of the Bronze Star Medal for heroism against the Viet Cong. Lt. Farro was cited for actions while serving as a platoon commander with "L" Co., Third Marine Regiment, during Operation Harvest Moon.

USAF, RAAF, RNZAF Exercise Set for Feb.

A combined air exercise involving units of the U.S. Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force and Royal New Zealand Air Force will be held in New Zealand in February.

The exercise, to be called Pacific Concord II, is the second of a series of annual exercises involving the three air forces. The first was held in Eastern Australia in October 1965.

Aims of next year's exercise are to develop closer working relationships between participating forces, improve capability to conduct combined air operations, increase mutual understanding of methods of employing tactical air, and to test mobility and responsiveness for mutual support by exercising air lines of communication to and from the South Pacific.

AF Testing Integrated Armament Control System

A revolutionary advance in an Air Force pilot's ability to control, select and deliver the wide array of weapons carried by high-performance aircraft is expected from a new Integrated Armament Control System (IACS) now being tested.

Gen. James Ferguson, recently-appointed commander of the AF Systems Command, said a prototype of the new IACS developed by the Research and Technology Division's Air Force Weapons Laboratory at Kirtland AFB, N.M., has been installed in an F-105 fighter plane for operational testing.

The new IACS concept provides the pilot with a consolidated armament control panel which replaces the numerous controls and switches scattered throughout the cockpit in present separate systems. Current fighter aircraft often have entirely different controls and displays for each family of weapons.

Since the IACS can be used in any combat plane operational in the Air Force today, or expected to become operational in the foreseeable future, pilots will need to learn only one armament control system regardless of which type of plane they fly. The standardization will also help ground crewmen.

Army Announces FY66 Educational Statistics

Reports show that 41,904 Army personnel achieved high school completion or its equivalency through the General Educational Development Program during FY66.

The total of Army enlisted personnel having completed this educational level now stands at 77.1 percent.

During the same period, 309 officers and 48 enlisted men completed baccalaureate degrees. An additional 231 officers and nine enlisted men completed advanced degrees with civilian colleges and universities under the tuition assistance plan.

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